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SUBJ: RABIN ISSUES GUIDELINES ON MINISTERIAL POLICY
STATEMENTS

1. FOLLOWING IS OFFICIAL GOI TEXT OF EXCERPT FROM PRIME
MINISTER RABIN'S SPEECH TO KNESSET AUG 6 ON GOI POLICY GUIDELINES.

2. BEGIN TEXT. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK, AT A MEETING
OF THE CABINET, I CLARIFIED THE MAIN POINTS OF OUR POLITICAL
APPROACH AT THIS TIME AS FOLLOWS:

3. "ISRAEL IS NOT INTERESTED IN THE CONTINUATION OF THE SITUATION
OF NO-PEACE. ISRAELI POLICY IS INTERESTED IN SPEEDING UP
NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE, WITHOUT PRIOR CONDITIONS, WITH EACH OF
THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

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4. "IN THE ARAB STATES, FIRST AND FOREMOST IN SYRIA, THERE ARE

GROWING AND SYSTEMATIC PREPARATIONS FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE WAR. ISRAEL HAS NO RIGHT TO IGNORE THIS DANGEROUS FACT. ISRAEL IS CONFIDENT OF HER STRENGTH, BUT IT IS HER DUTY TO ORGANIZE AT AN ACCELERATED PACE VZ MEET THE DANGER WHICH IS FORCED UPON HER. AT THE SAME TIME AS SHE CONTINUES TO ORGANIZE AGAINST THE DANGER OF AGGRESSION, SHE WILL PERSEVERE IN HER POLITICAL ACTIVITY AIMED AT ACHIEVING PROGRESS FROM CEASE-FIRE AND DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES TO PEACE. ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE TO METICULOUSLY OBSERVE THE CEASEFIRE ARRANGEMENTS AND THE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES AGREEMENTS ON A BASIS OF MUTUALITY. THE OBSERVANCE OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS IN LETTER AND SPIRIT IS VITAL IN ORDER TO PREVENT A RENEWAL OF THE FIGHTING. DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES AGREEMENTS WERE NOT DESIGNED TO CONSTITUTE A PERMANENT SITUATION, BUT WERE DEFINED BY CONSENT AS A FIRST STEP TOWARDS PEACE. THESE AGREEMENTS MAY BE A STEP TOWARDS PEACE IF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED ACT CONSISTENTLY FOR THIS PURPOSE. ISRAEL IS WHOLEHEARTEDLY PREPARED FOR THIS."

5. HAARETZ AUGUST 7 REPORTS THAT RABIN HAS PROVIDED GOI MINISTERS WITH GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC STATEMENTS AFTER DISCUSSION AT AUGUST 4 CABINET MEETING RE NEED TO AVOID DISSEMINATION OF CONFLICTING STATEMENTS BY SENIOR OFFICIALS. HAARETZ TEXT IN EFFECT SUMMARIZES MAIN POINTS OF PM'S STATEMENT QUOTED ABOVE.

6. ON WAR THREAT ISSUE, DEFMIN PERES IN KNESSET AUGUST 7 AGAIN GAVE LENGTHY EXPOSITION RE SYRIAN MILITARY PREPARATIONS, FAILURE TO RETURN CIVILIAN POPULATION TO KUNEITRA AND ISRAELI DETERMINATION NOT TO SURRENDER TO THREATS OF WAR. SUMMING UP SYRIAN ACTIVITY, PERES SAID, "SYRIA HAS INDEED HARNESSSED HER HORSES OF WAR, WHOSE NEIGHING SIGNALS A RACE AT THE GALLOP TOWARDS WHAT IS TERMED THE 'MILITARY OPTION.'"

7. WE NOTE THAT JERUSALEM POST AUGUST 7 CARRIES FRONT PAGE ARTICLE "CONCERN OVER US COMPLACENCY TOWARDS SYRIAN WAR MOVES". ALLON REPORTEDLY RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON WITH IMPRESSION THAT USG, WHILE AWARE OF FACTS OF SYRIAN REARMAMENT, TENDED TO REGARD SYRIA'S WAR GAMES AND HARDLINE POSTURING AS PART OF DIPLOMATIC-POLITICAL PROCESS
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RATHER THAN AS SIGNS OF DETERIORATION TOWARD POSSIBLE RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES. ALLON REPORTEDLY WAS DISTRESSED TO FIND THAT US PRESS AND PUBLIC OPINION HAD SCARCELY FOCUSSED ON SYRIAN WAR THREAT AND ISRAEL'S CONCERN ABOUT IT. (NOTE: HE DID NOT MAKE ANY SUCH STATEMENT IN HIS BRIEF TALK WITH ME YESTERDAY.)
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